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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 be considered and made of record. Copies of these documents are attached.

Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, specifically in the International Search Report (dated March 10, 2003), a copy of which is attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of any final action. A fee transmittal form authorizing the Commissioner to charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 (p) accompanies the filing of this paper.

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